

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION STONE HARBOR PLANNING BOARD

April 8, 2019

4:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Conrad, who stated that all requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act of 1975" had been met with the Press of Atlantic City having been notified of the Board's schedule for 2019 on December 18, 2018, and the schedule having been posted on Stone Harbor's website and the Municipal Clerk's Bulletin Board.

Roll Call

Members Present:

Mayor Judy Davies-Dunhour
Jill Gougher
Robert D. Bickford, Jr.
Wayne Conrad, Vice-Chair
Lynne Dubler
Charles C. Krafczek
Jackie Mauro (Alternate II)
Sandy Slabik (Alternate I)

Solicitor:

Andrew D. Catanese

Board Secretary:

Diane Frangiose

Zoning Officer:

Ray Poudrier

Members Not Present:

Thomas Hand, Chairman

Approval of March 11, 2019 Minutes

Mr. Conrad requested a Motion to admit the Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Mr. Bickford and seconded by Mrs. Slabik. Roll call taken for members present at the March 11, 2019 meeting. Affirmative votes: Mayor Davies-Dunhour, Mrs. Gougher, Mr. Hand, Mr. Bickford, Mr. Conrad, Ms. Dubler, Mr. Krafczek, Ms. Mauro and Mrs. Slabik.

Master Plan Sub-Committee Update Report

Mr. Kates provided Board members with a March project update regarding the Master Plan. He stated the Sub-Committee met with Department Heads and discussed several ideas, including the purchase of an offshore location for storage of public works vehicles and other equipment that is difficult to store on the island. Another recommendation was to remove RV parking spots in the beach parking lots that are seldom used. One other parking related concern was the possibility of weekly parking permits at the Marina for trailers. Further discussions were held regarding the 96th St. Park which is beginning to show its age and will need renovating in the next ten years, the Community Center at 82nd Street has not been utilized effectively as an amphitheater one possible location could be the Marina as part of a redevelopment plan.

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Master Plan Sub-Committee Update Report (continued)

The Police Chief's main concern was sight triangles around town. The traffic calming on First Avenue presently in the draft will go a long way to increasing safety with the present parking limits. The last recommendation from the meeting concerned the storm water Master Plan continual work to remove the remaining outfalls, which is already a priority.

Lengthy discussions were held by Board members concerning the recommendations proposed by the Department Heads. Mr. Kates stated next step is to meet with SHPOA and the Chamber of Commerce by April 29th. The Sub-Committee will meet on May 2nd and a draft Outline will be provided to the Planning Board for review by May 6th. Consensus among Board members is for the draft Outline to be distributed to everyone with a Notice of Publication being published on June 1st, 10 days before the first Public Hearing on June 10th. If the Master Plan Addendum is not adopted at that meeting, a subsequent Public Hearing will be held on June 24th.

Old Business

Mr. Krafczek requested a list of standards regarding an outdoor dining policy for the Borough be reviewed. He stated it is long overdue and would assist businesses tremendously. Mr. Kates stated he has a list of recommendations regarding the issue and will present them to the Board at the next meeting on April 22nd. Board members held a discussion on the various aspects of outdoor dining, including how it would impact public space and how many businesses would be able to use the policy. Mr. Catanese added to the discussion stating there are several moving parts including insurance, County endorsements and encroachment agreements that would need to be considered to move forward on changing the Ordinance.

Public Comment

Mr. Ray Parzych of Sunset Drive stated in his opinion, the word "feasible" should be removed from the Master Plan to avoid confusion because the vision of the Master Plan is that all utilities will eventually be underground. He further stated the draft Outline of the Master Plan should be distributed to everyone for review not only SHPOA or other groups of property owners.

Ms. Kim Park of Stone Court told Board members she was disappointed with the prospect of property owners on the Court not being able to get approval for additional living space which is the utmost priority for residents who need more than a few feet of storage. Mayor Davies-Dunhour advised that registered letters will be sent to all owners for their feedback on the issue and they are welcome to send emails or letters to the Borough with their thoughts on the subject. Ms. Park said 99% of owners want more living space, that parking is not an issue on the Court, all residents are respectful of each other.

Mrs. Robin Casper of Second Avenue stated her family has lived in the Borough since 1965 back when there were cozy cottages, bay views, ocean views, trees and flowers that were more conducive to a green environment. Today there are large homes and poles and limited water views. Ms. Casper proposes the Borough modify current regulations to give Stone Harbor the small town charm it once held with more space and water views.

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Adjournment

Having no further business, Mr. Conrad called for a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Krafczek made the Motion and Mayor Davies-Dunhour seconded.

APPROVED: May 13, _____, 2019

ATTESTED: Diane Frangiose
Diane Frangiose, Secretary Stone Harbor Planning Board